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SUBJ: OPIUM BAN MEDIA REACTION

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STATE PASS CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND RANGEL

1. TURKISH NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF OPIUM POPPY BAN TODAY DECREASED SOMEWHAT IN VOLUME AND INTENSITY, THOUGH COVERAGE FOLLOWS GENERAL LINE DESCRIBED REFTEL. CRITICISM OF EXPLICIT AND IMPLICIT U.S. PRESSURE ON TURKEY REMAINS A CONSTANT THEME. TURKISH "INDEPENDENCE" AGAINST THIS ALLEGED PRESSURE STOUTLY DEFENDED, WITH LEFT-ORIENTATED PRESS EMPHASIZING THIS THEME.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE SEVERELY THE VISIT OF CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND RANGEL.

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3. THOUGH SUPPORT FOR AN END TO THE BAN CONTINUES UNANIMOUS IN

ALL MEDIA, THERE IS OCCASIONALLY A NOTE TODAY OF RECOGNITION THAT BAN SHOULD BE LIFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DAMAGE RELATIONS WITH U.S.

4. MOST INTERESTING COMMENTS ALONG THESE LINES APPEARED IN TWO ARTICLES PUBLISHED TODAY BY TWO OF TURKEY'S MOST RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL JOURNALISTS, ABDI IPEKCI IN MILLIYET AND ISMET CIRITLI IN ISTNABUL. THESE ARTICLES FOLLOWED SEPARATE MEETINGS BETWEEN IPEKCI AND GIRITLI WITH AMBASSADOR IN ISTANBUL ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

5. SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN THESE TWO ARTICLES REPRESENT VIEWS OF THOUGHTFUL AND INFLUENTIAL MINORITY IN TURKEY.

6. FULL TEXTS OF IPEKCI AND GIRITLI ARTICLES FOLLOW BY SEPTELS. MACOMBER

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